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1. A vent stop for use with a sliding member comprising:

a housing adapted to be disposed in a recess in said sliding member, said housing including a cavity;

a tumbler disposed in said cavity, said tumbler including a protruding apex at the top thereof;

pivot means for pivotally securing said tumbler to said housing for movement between an extended position where a front face of said tumbler overlies an edge of the sliding member to prevent movement of the sliding member past the front face of the tumbler, and a retracted position within said cavity where the sliding member can be moved past the tumbler;

a spring means for biasing said tumbler into said extended position; and

a release member that has a first position for causing said tumbler to be in a raised position and a second position for causing said tumbler to be retained a lowered position

wherein said housing further comprises a button which when pressed causes said release member to move from said second position to said first position thereby causing said tumbler to be in a raised position.

2. A vent stop according to claim 1 wherein the release member pivots.

3. A vent stop according to claim 1 wherein said release member has a head and the tumbler has a tip and wherein the tumbler is in a lowered position when said head contacts said tip.

4. A vent stop according to claim 3 wherein said button has a pin that contacts a face on said release member when said button is pushed.

5. The vent stop according to claim 1 wherein said sliding member is a sash in a double hung window.

6. The vent stop according to claim 1 wherein the sliding member is a sash in a window.

7. The vent stop according to claim 1 wherein the sliding member is a sash in a sliding window.

8. The vent means according to claim 1 wherein said sliding member is a door.

9. A vent stop for use with a sliding member comprising:

a housing adapted to be disposed in a recess, said housing including a cavity formed by a faceplate and first and second side walls extending from said faceplate;

a tumbler disposed in said cavity, said tumbler including a protruding apex at the top thereof;

pivot means extending from at least one of said first and second sidewalls for pivotally securing said tumbler to said housing for movement between an extended position, and a retracted position within said cavity;

a spring means for biasing said tumbler into said extended position; and

a release member for causing said tumbler to be in a raised position and a lowered position;

wherein said release member has a head that contacts said tumbler when said tumbler is in a lowered position and does not contact said tumbler when said tumbler is in a raised position.

10. The vent stop according to claim 9 wherein said sliding member is a sash in a double hung window.

11. The vent stop according to claim 9 wherein the sliding member is a sash in a window.

12. The vent stop according to claim 9 wherein the sliding member is a sash in a sliding window.

13. The vent means according to claim 9 wherein said sliding member is a door.